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WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 14th, 1904.

There being now no very pressing important matters before the Executive branch of the government for consideration and settlement the President's Cabinet is already on the wing for distant parts of the country. The President himself, and Mrs. Roosevelt, will soon visit Groton, Mass., to attend the closing exercises of the school where their two eldest boys are being educated. Secretary Hay has already gone to St. Louis to attend the world's Press Convention, and deliver an address before that body. Secretary Shaw and Attorney General Knox will soon visit the Pacific Coast and deliver a number of political speeches, which are intended to arouse the dormant public. Secretary Taft has gone to the wilderness of New York to get rid of a bad cold and to brace up by fishing and rearing. Pension Commissioner Ware has announced that he will retire from his position at the end of the year. He only consented to become Commissioner at the urgent request of the President, and has long wished to resign. He gave a banquet a few days ago to the chiefs in his division, and paid them a high compliment for their efficiency, faithfulness and loyalty. The Commissioner is certainly very popular, but he prefers the freedom of his law practice in Kansas. Undoubtedly he could come to Congress if he wished.

To-day your correspondent looked into the auction rooms where the magnificent house furnishings and trappings belonging to Senator Stewart of Nevada, and which formerly adorned Castle Stewart on Dupont Circle, have been sent to be disposed of at public auction. The extent and magnificence of the collection is astounding, worthy of an East Indian or Chinese prince. The sale is the sensation of the day, and has come near revealing to the public a scandal in the family of the millionaire Senator. The two daughters of the Senator protect that the articles belonged to their mother, and that they should be kept in the family. The Senator has replied, in a card to the public, that upon the death of his wife he gave the keys of the Castle to his daughters and told them to help themselves. He now sells what they left, which he claims is his own personal property. The articles are largely of Chinese and East Indian manufacture, but include also rich sets of furniture rococo style, florid, gilt and upholstered in Aubusson tapestries, all of French make. Other furniture is solid ebony and teak wood exquisitely carved and upholstered in Persian hand embroidery. The wall hangings and portieres consist of the richest and most elaborate embroideries ever seen in this country, of Chinese hand work; great golden dragons, storks, peacocks, fishes and conventional designs, on blue and yellow satin. The colors are very brilliant and the work remarkable. If the Senator would only give these things to the National Museum he would be regarded as a public benefactor. It is probable that these priceless articles of Eastern manufacture came into his possession from the Chinese Minister who once occupied Castle Stewart.

Since Congress altered the laws, making only one offence ground for divorce in the District of Columbia, the divorce lawyers have been out of business, and the press has been saved the necessity of printing much scandal. Interest has been awakened, however, in the announcement that Mrs. James G. Blaine will seek a divorce from her young husband, good naturedly known as Jimmy Blaine. She is the daughter of Admiral Highborn of Washington and married Mr. Blaine against the wishes of her parents. It is asserted that she had an offer of marriage from Senator Dewey. It will be recalled that Mr. Blaine first married Miss Marie Nevins who preceded a divorce and afterwards married Dr. Bell of New York. The suit will probably be presented in New York, where the couple now live.

Wednesday and Thursday of this week the American Cotton Manufacturers Association held its 8th annual convention in this city. Most of the delegates were from the Southern States and their wives and daughters came with them. A large number of short addresses were made on all sorts of subjects connected with cotton manufacturing, such as the cost of power, forests and water power, conditions of the cotton growing, and the effects of speculation on cotton. Among the speakers were Secretary Cortelyou, Prof. Carpenter of Cornell University, and Mr. Pinchot, the forestry expert, who gave it as his opinion that the Federal Government would have to interfere to protect the forests at the head waters of streams. On Thursday afternoon the President received the members of the Association at the White House. Already the South has become a great manufacturing center, while the business of cotton manufacturing in New England is in a precarious condition.

A Porto Rican has been refused employment at the Navy Yard here on the expressed and only ground that he is "not a citizen of the United States." But your correspondent has in his possession a lithographed passport of the State Department which alleges in large type that all Porto Ricans are citizens of the United States. This needs straightening out.

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MARYLAND HAPPENINGS

The strawberry crop on the Eastern Shore of Maryland will be very large this season.

Dr. William L. Lewis has been appointed health officer for Montgomery County.

Owing to labor troubles, the owners of the shirt factory at Salisbury will close the plant.

The School Commissioners of Cambridge have asked bids for remodeling the high school.

An additional rural free delivery route will be established shortly from the Salisbury post office.

Farmers in the upper section of Harford County complain that some vandals are poisoning their cattle.

Greenleaf Hearn, of Wicomico County, has been appointed State Harbor Examiner for the Eastern Shore.

William S. Bittle has resigned as assistant superintendent of the public schools of Queen Anne's County.

The public schools at Denton, Greensboro, Ridgely, Preston and Federalburg will close for the summer on May 27th.

The Prohibition party of Maryland will hold a convention on June 7th at Salisbury to name Presidential electors.

Frosts were reported by farmers in Cecil County Monday morning, but it did little or no damage to crops and fruit.

After an operation for appendicitis Dr. William D. Strough, of Snow Hill, is recovering rapidly at the hospital, in Salisbury.

The Sylmar Baseball Club cleared out \$125 on the recent fair and festival, which will be used to buy new suits for the players.

Millington's Town Commissioners have passed an ordinance prohibiting farm wagons from going through town faster than a walk.

William H. Knight, of Wann Post, G. A. R., of Harford County, has been appointed an aide on the staff of the Department of Maryland.

George Thornton, a boy of 12 years, has been committed to the jail at Upper Marlboro, charged with committing an assault on a 9-year-old girl.

Claude Potter, of Oxford, while driving to Easton had his arm broken by the wheel of his wagon coming off and throwing him out on the ground.

The Town Commissioners of Millington have passed an ordinance authorizing the bailiff to kill every dog running at large in the town without a muzzle.

The Commissioners of Harford County have fixed the tax rate at \$1 on the \$100 for county purposes, an increase of five cents over the rate of last year.

W. H. D. Warfield has been elected president of Sykesville City Council; Richard M. McCrone, Clerk and Treasurer, and Frank M. Bond, Bailiff.

Owners of dogs on Kent Island will test the validity of the present stringent dog law passed by the recent Legislature, which they claim is unconstitutional.

E. A. Clendenin, of Colona, has made application for the position of State Auditor. The office is now held by George R. Ash, whose term expires next Tuesday.

Owing to the fact that the election at Midland last week resulted in a tie between P. J. Creggan and John E. Steidinger, for the office of Mayor, a second election will have to be held.

The John Pierce Construction Company of New York, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the Academy buildings at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, the price being \$1,379,000.

Accession day was observed by the Knights Templar of Eastern and Cambridge by a joint service in Zion Church, Cambridge, Rev. P. D. Thompson, of East Newmarket, conducting the exercises.

Special efforts will be made to raise funds for the proposed Union Hospital of Cecil County, at Elkton, during the next few weeks, in order that an appropriation of \$5000 from the State may be received.

While walking in a second-story room of an old building on Bow street, Elkton, Sunday, the floor collapsed, and Hyland Marcus, aged 80 years, fell to the first floor, a distance of ten feet, and was severely injured.

Captain John Spray Leonard, of Royal Oak, and old Chesapeake Bay pilot, has become totally blind. He was well known in Baltimore and Philadelphia, in which ports he has been running grain vessels for over 50 years.

Members of the "Nazaries," a colored fraternal organization, have started up a co-operative grocery store in Centerville, which will cater to colored trade exclusively. The movement is said to be a retaliation of the recent Jim Crow car bill.

While the New York and Washington express was speeding between Washington and Baltimore, at an early hour Sunday morning, Engineer John Worth, of Elkton, was struck by a heavy piece of timber on the head, killing him instantly.

THEY WON THE CUP

Col. J. J. Ross and son, of Seaford, won the \$500 cup for Hackney horses at the great annual sale of hackneys in New York, Tuesday evening of last week. The competition was among some of the best breeders in the country and the victory was notable. Col. Ross sent twelve horses to the sale from his famous Evergreen Stock Farm, at Seaford, and the best average for the sale of six horses.

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WHAT IS LIFE

BY ISAAC McLELLAN

What is Life?—a bubble dancing

On the sparkling fountain's brim

Painted by the sunbeam's glance

O'er its evanescent rim.

Soon its soft reflected glories

Images of colored skies,

Vanish—when the haze of evening

O'er the panorama dies.

Life, with all its bliss and troubles,

Melts like insubstantial bubbles!

What are honors, what are riches?

What the haughty tramp of fame?

Dazzling meteors, vain delusions,

Echoes of an empty name.

What the spangled robes of grandeur,

Jeweled scepter, gilded crown;

What the plaudits won by genius,

What the poet's wide renown?

What but vain and idle breath,

Frosted by the chills of death?

What is Life?—a little journey,

Ending ere 'tis well begun;

'Tis a gay, disastrous tourney,

Where a mingled tilt is run.

And the head that wears a crown

'Neath the meaneft lance goes down.

Walk, then, on life's pathway, mortal!

With a pure and steadfast heart;

So that through death's frowning portal

Peacefully thou mayst depart!

What is beauty but the image

Of the gay cloud in the stream,

Fading from its crystal mirror

With the evanescent beam?

What is pleasure but the phantom

Luring o'er the marshy waste?

The false mirage of the desert,

Fleeting with deceitful haste.

Trust not life above Life's sod;

Trust in Heaven's smile—trust in God!

REDUCED RATES TO ATLANTIC CITY

For the benefit of those desiring to attend the meeting of the American Medical Association at Atlantic City, June 7th to 10th, and the session of the American Academy of Medicine at the same place, June 4th and 5th, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Atlantic City from all stations on its lines west of Downingtown and Avondale, north of Parker Ford, south of Newark and Porter, Del., and north and east of Trenton, Windsor, and Toms River, N. J., exclusive, at rate of single fare plus \$1.00 for the round trip. Tickets will be sold June 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, good returning leaving Atlantic City June 4th to 12th, inclusive. Tickets will be good to stop over at Philadelphia on going trip within limit of June 6th, and at Philadelphia, and Baltimore, on return trip within final limit on deposit at stop-over point. All tickets must be deposited immediately on arrival at Morris Guards' Armory, 12 South New York Avenue, Atlantic City. Regular excursion tickets at usual rates will be sold from the points named above and from all intermediate points to Atlantic City.

FEAR CROP REPORTED KILLED

Robert H. Wilson, the well known fruit grower of near Dover, in conversation with a reporter on Wednesday, said: "I was entirely surprised this morning in discovering that my Keiffer pear crop has been substantially wiped out. I have some 1500 eight-year-old trees that would have borne a full crop 12,000 or 15,000 baskets. A week ago these trees were snowballs of blossom. Never saw a more magnificent pear bloom. But a blossom never was quite a pear. I imagine a wall will now go up over the peninsula, as this pear business is second only to the peach industry, and a very close second at that. What killed 'em? The pear is queer. Theoretically I would say the weather was too warm last week and the blossom fell off before the young germ was sufficiently fertilized. It was only a three or four day bloom against the ordinary blossom of 10 days."

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THE UNJUST MARYLAND BALLOT LAW

The Maryland Democrats are building great hopes of success at the next election on the new law abolishing party designations on the ballot in Republican counties. This was one of the shameful partisan laws passed by the recent Legislature. It only applies to eleven counties in the State, and these are not all contiguous. The illiteracy in some of the exempted counties is much greater than in some of those to which the law applies; but these exempted counties are Democratic, which was the only reason for relieving them from the law.

In Howard County, for instance, which is the home county of Senator Gorman and Governor Warfield, there is a much larger illiterate vote than in Garret and some other counties to which the law applies. But Howard is exempt because it is safely Democratic. In the last census year there were 6,000 illiterate white voters in the State, and only 24,000 illiterate colored voters. But this new act is made to apply to 13,000 colored voters and only to about 5000 white voters, and they are in Republican counties. This law applies an educational test to voters living in a few counties only, all of the remainder of the State being exempt.

In the State in general there is a party designation on the ballot, so that an illiterate man can easily be taught to vote his party ticket. In the eleven counties to which the new law applies no party designations are permitted, and each name on the ballot for which the voter desires to vote must be separately marked. As these names are all mixed up and are not in the same order on each ballot, the voter must be able to read them all and to remember which party each name represents. With a large ticket this will be difficult for even an educated voter.

If the law applied to every county in the State, so that all were treated alike, there would be less objection to it. But to apply it to a few counties only, with the avowed purpose of disfranchising Republicans and not Democrats, is disgraceful. By this means it is expected that the new constitutional amendment disfranchising colored men will be adopted. It ought not to be possible for any State to apply a law of this kind to a few counties only; but in the Southern States all sorts of unjust acts have been passed and carried into effect for partisan ends.—Phila. Press.

SAFE BREAKERS IN TOWNSEND

Burglars visited Townsend Tuesday night and from the number of safes they got into and the manner in which they did their work leaves no doubt in the minds of the people of that town that the robbers were experts in their line of business. Great excitement prevailed when it became known that the business places of three prominent firms had been entered and in each instance the safe robbed of its contents.

The buildings entered were those occupied by J. M. D. Hart, coal and lumber dealer; Harman Reynolds, dealer in agricultural implements, and Edward Hart, lumber merchant.

The safe in the office of G. M. D. Hart was blown open by the burglars and its contents scattered in every direction. There were, beside some small change a five dollar bill and many valuable papers in the strong box, but the latter were not taken. The small change was gone, but the five dollar bill was overlooked by the intruders and found on the floor beneath some papers.

The safes in the offices of Edward Hart and Harman Reynolds were left open at closing time Tuesday evening and were consequently easy of access. Only \$1 was secured at Hart's place and at Reynolds' about \$5 in change was taken. At the latter place the burglars also secured a gold watch and a supply of cigars.

Five leather pocketbooks containing valuable papers and promissory notes were taken from the safe at Reynolds' place of business but were found neatly piled one on top of the other beneath the wheel of a farm implement standing outside of the building. In one of the pocketbooks were promissory notes to the amount of \$2000, of considerable value to Mr. Reynolds, but no good to robbers.

The news of the robberies caused great excitement when it became known and many curious people gathered around the buildings that had been entered. Several strangers have been seen in the town within the last few days and now that the robbery has been committed suspicion points to them.

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SOME LIGHT ON THE LIGHT AND WATER COMMISSION STATEMENT

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT:—Before me lies your issue of March 19th, 1904, containing a "Financial Statement of the Light and Water Commission showing the Transactions of this Body since its organization on February 22d, 1893."

Seeing that no older and wiser citizen than myself has commented upon this report all these weeks, I venture a few suggestions thereon, not in a spirit of captious criticism, but in hopes to do at least some public service.

1. From the fact that the report claims to cover their entire work as a Commission from its organization February 22d, 1893 until March 19th, 1904, a period of eleven years and one month lacking three days, I infer that it is their first and only report during that long period.

From the figures given it appears that this joint Light and Water Commission has spent during these eleven odd years the sum of \$109,824.32 of the people's money, and this meager recital—perhaps the best possible after the lapse of so long a time—is, I repeat, their first and only report during that lengthy period of a public trust wherein they have handled the large sum of nearly one hundred and ten thousand dollars of public funds!

Certainly, Mr. Ed., it is a just comment upon this remarkable fact to say that this is neither the usual nor the proper way in which to account for the monies of a public trust.

2. Let us glance casually at this report. I do not insinuate that a single penny of that big sum has been dishonestly expended or diverted, but I do say that in this day of wide-spread peculation by those holding fiduciary relations, National, State, municipal—whatnot—graft—graft—everywhere—gentlemen occupying positions of public trust, owe it to themselves not less than to the people, to set the good example of accounting, fully and often and with approved voucher proof, for all their financial doings.

3. But it is not only signed by nobody, but its correctness is vouched for by nobody! It is signed by nobody, and so far as appears upon its face, is unauthorized. We will assume, however, that it is in fact the duly authorized report of the Light and Water Commission. Why not have the proper officials sign it then? Perhaps the present incumbents are loath to stand sponsors for so venerable a document!

4. Then, the report, such as it is, is a mere statement of receipts and expenditures, and in no sense whatever a report showing the assets and liabilities of the Light and Water plant.

5. During this period of eleven years there have been paid at the power house over 11,000 tons of coal, the cartage of which at twenty-five cents per ton, has amounted to upwards of \$3000. It is plain enough now that a mistake was made by the Engineer Cairns in locating the power house so far from the railroad.

6. Again we are told that till a recent member was added to the Commission, not a member thereof knew the precise number of electric lights they were supplying throughout the town, and for which, of course, they were supposed to receive payments. If this was so, it surely was a loose way of doing business! This laxity, we trust, is also of the past.

7. Once more. We are informed that at one time eight hundred tons of coal were stored upon a vacant lot last Fall. In a Winter of such exceptional rigor would it be unreasonable to suggest that perhaps enough coal was "borrowed" to pay for some sort of shelter to house it securely? Certainly, if coal is habitually thus stored unprotected in the open, would not the loss soon more than cover the cost of putting it under lock and key? Perhaps not; but we venture yet one more guess that it would.

Now, Mr. Ed., we know the gentlemen composing the Light and Water Commission are giving their services without pay to the town, and therefore no one feels like passing harsh judgment upon their actions; but we do think that in all fairness and candor once they have assumed those highly honorable duties, they owe it to the public and themselves to see to it that they administer the public concerns in a business like fashion and as economically and as carefully as they would their own affairs.

On a Cash Basis!

We wish to announce to the public that our business will be conducted on a strictly CASH BASIS in the future, believing by adopting the cash method we will be enabled to serve our patrons better and sell goods at a lower figure, than heretofore.

Notice the low prices:

Granulated Sugar, 5c
Arbuckles Coffee, 11c
Package Oats, 9c
Best Lard, 13c

In fact all our prices are cut to Cash Basis.

We pay Record quotations for eggs.

Armstrong's Grocery, MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—

St. Georges Hundred!

—OF—

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1903 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at

STIDHAM'S HOTEL, IN FORT PENN. DEL.

Thursday, MAY 26th, 1904.

From 10 A. M. to 3 o'clock, P. M., and at the County Tax Collector's Office, Middletown, Del., on South Broad street, EVERY SATURDAY DURING THE MONTH OF MAY, 1904,

from 9 A. M. to 4 o'clock P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

When remitting by check don't forget to add 5 per cent. to the face of the bill for non payment prior to Jan. 1st.

H. W. PHARO,

Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred

Jones & Bradley

Middle Room

IN

Opera House

The ONLY FIRST-CLASS RESTAURANT in Town

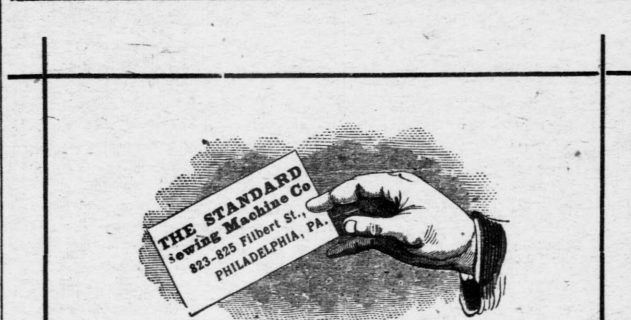
We Serve STEAK, HAM, EGGS, OYSTERS, COFFEE, ICE CREAM, Etc.

Ice Cream, Wholesale and Retail. WE MANUFACTURE OUR OWN ICE CREAM.

BREAD—We receive fresh every morning from Washington, D. C. Bread and Rolls—Manufactured by Corby Bros., which have no equal. A trial will convince

We have the BEST and FRESHEST line of LOWNEY'S CHOCOLATES in town.

JONES & BRADLEY, MIDDLE ROOM IN OPERA HOUSE, MIDDLETOWN.



If you need a Sewing Machine and want to know something about the Cheapest Machine to buy, the Best to use, and the most complete all-round Machine on the market, then cut this advertisement out, put your name and address here,

Name _____
P. O. _____

mail it to us, or send postal, and we will mail you Valuable Sewing Machine Information, for which we do not have room in this advertising space.

ADDRESS: _____
The Standard Sewing Machine Co., 823-825 Filbert St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Pay These Prices Or Any In Between And Get a Suit That Looks Well And Wears Long

\$7.50 **\$16.50**

Men pin their faith to the Oak Hall clothing, because they know all we say for it is true.

We have proved, time and again, that there is no such clothing to be had for the money elsewhere.

If others made thousands upon thousands of suits in every conceivable variety and at every price, and sold them with only the maker's profit, there might be some reason to look for like values, but even then the clothing would lack that merit it has acquired in 43 years of constant betterment.

Serge Suits, \$7.50 up
Worsted Suits, \$12 up

The best sort of a suit for looks and wear is the fancy Worsted.

My, but we're selling heaps of them! It's amazing how much \$12 will buy when a man comes to the manufacturer.

Serge suits, too, are big sellers.

Every one we sell is guaranteed fast color—even the \$7.50 one. And if it fades—you get a new one for it!

CARFARE TO PHILADELPHIA
If you purchase a certain amount here and show your return ticket, we pay your carfare both ways.

Wanamaker & Brown
OAK HALL,
S. E. Cor. Sixth and Market Sts., Philadelphia.
Orders to F. FURN, Agt.

CURRENT PRICES	
MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.	
Wheat—No. 1	\$1.02
Timothy Seed	\$2.05
Clover Seed	10c
Oats	54
MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.	
Eggs, per doz.	15c
Country Butter, per lb.	20c
Creamery Butter, per lb.	28
Lard, per lb.	8c
Live Chickens, per lb.	12c
Potatoes, per basket	55c

50c

Free Trial

Write for book by John A. Jolls, "The Money Back" plan. By mail or express 75c. Your MONEY BACK if not satisfactory. BOLLMAN BROS. CO., 140 Penn Ave., Mount Joy, Pa.

John A. Jolls, SUCCESSOR TO JOHN W. JOLLS, DEALER IN

The Wm. Lea & Sons, Fancy Roller Flour and Patent

Mill Feed of all kinds, Seeds, Coal, Etc. COAL! COAL! MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

IMPORTANT To Property Owners. Materials that substitute Pure Lead and Zinc save paint makers from \$70 to \$90 per ton. Why increase their profits at your expense?

DAVIS' PAINT is guaranteed 100 per cent Pure.

Free of cost if otherwise. Write for Guarantee and Booklet on Paint Talks. Ask your dealer or write The H. B. DAVIS COMPANY, Manufacturers, BALTIMORE, MD.

—SOLD BY— REDGRAVE BROTHERS, MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

Real Estate!

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of the State of Delaware in and for New Castle County, made on the 28th day of March A. D. 1904, will be exposed to sale at Public Vendue, on

Wedn'day, June 1st, '04 At 9.30 o'clock, A. M.,

At the Hotel of John P. McIntyre, in the Town of Middletown, Delaware, the following described Real Estate late of Jacob B. Midlin, deceased, to-wit:

All that farm or tract of land, situate in St. Georges Hundred, New Castle County, Delaware, bounded by Drayner's Creek, lands formerly of Lydia Simms, deceased, the State Road leading from McDonough to Odessa, in New Castle County, aforesaid, and land now or formerly of one Lambert,

Containing about 88 Acres.

The improvements consist of a two-story frame dwelling, granary, stable and other outbuildings, all in good condition. The land is first-class and in a high state of cultivation.

Attendance will be given and terms made known by

J. FRANK BIGGS, TRUSTEE, or by his Attorney, Attest: JOSEPH C. JOLLS, Clerk Orphans' Court.

Have you Visited our New Store?

CALL AND LEAVE US A TRIAL ORDER FOR YOUR SUNDAY'S... ICE CREAM

Those who have tried it are saying nothing but words of praise for its quality. We have all of the most asked for flavors.

OYSTERS IN ALL STYLES in season, and the quality is as good as money can buy. Delivered to you at your home AT VERY short notice.

Foreign and Domestic FRUITS Always fresh and the prices are as low as the lowest

CONFECTIONS All of the best brands of Confections will be found in our store, and our customers say they are fine. We guarantee the prices to be right.

PAUL WEBER. RICE'S OLD STAND. West Main St., Middletown, Del.

BURSTAN'S

Popular Corner Store.

Women's Wear and Household Necessities

Women's Shoes and Oxfords. Oxfords Samples, Vici Kid, \$1.50 worth \$2.00. Lace Shoes, \$1.50 worth \$2.00

Skirts. Skirts, \$4.45, well worth, \$6.50. Skirts \$2.45, worth \$4.00. Skirts \$1.75, worth \$2.50.

Household Necessities. Window Curtains 25c, worth 30c. Table Oil-cloth 18c, worth 23c. Pictures, neat frames \$1.25, well worth \$2.00. Pictures 98c, worth \$1.25. Japanese Matting, pretty designs, 23c, worth 35c. China Matting, neat patterns, 19c, well worth 25c.

BURSTAN'S CORNER STORE. Cor. Broad and Main Sts., Middletown, Del.

NOTICE! WOOL WANTED!

The town and schools need money due for taxes for the years 1902 and 1903, and the commissioners have given peremptory orders for their immediate collection, I therefore request every one whose taxes are unpaid to call at my home or at the office of L. C. Scott and settle the same at once. After May 14th all unsettled taxes will be collected, with cost, in the manner provided by the law, as I cannot extend the time any longer. Please save yourself this annoyance and extra expense. By order of the Board of Town Commissioners.

GEO. ECHENHOFER, Middletown, Del.

J. F. McWHORTER & SON

Agricultural Implements, Carriages, Harness, Stoves, Wire, Paints, Oils and Glass.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., March 1st, 1904.

DEAR SIR:—The demand for the AMERICAN WOVEN WIRE FENCE has become so great that it is impossible for the Manufacturers to supply it on demand. We placed our order six months ago, and the wire is now in, (all styles) and we would be pleased to accept your order NOW, and keep the wire for you to be stretched anytime in the Spring that you are ready. By placing your order now there will be no delay when you want the fence. We have in stock at all times Cedar Picket Fence, Lawn Fence, Barb Wire and Plain Wire.

We now have in Stock a Full Line of Refrigerators... and Ice Boxes

Made by the Best Makers and up-to-date in every respect.

J. F. McWHORTER & SON
Middletown, Delaware.

Your Attention!

for a moment please TO A Few of the CASH SPECIALS AT H. C. D'VALINGER'S THIS WEEK.

Proctor and Gamble's Cin. Oline Soap, 4c lb
3 lb can of best large Tomatoes, 9c
Best pure leaf Lard, 9c
Sea Gull or P. and M. Yeast Powder, 6 for 25c
Mother's Oats, 8c pkg
and many others.

These prices are subject to change one week from to-day. Best Granulated Sugar the same old price always. 5c lb

Notice our display of fruits and vegetables this morning.

DON'T FORGET THE PLACE.

H. C. D'Valinger, Opera House Building, MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

The Middletown Transcript

Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:
 North Bound—7:20 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 3:50 p. m., 6:45 p. m., and 9:15 p. m.
 South Bound—7:20 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 3:50 p. m., 6:45 p. m., and 9:15 p. m.
Mails Close as Follows:
 Going North—7:20 a. m., 10:05 a. m., and 3:50 p. m.
 For Odessa—7:20 a. m., 10:05 a. m., and 3:50 p. m.
 For Warwick, Cecilton and Barville 9:20 a. m., and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., MAY 21, 1904.

Local News.

Removed to the middle room in the Opera House. JONES & BRADLEY.
 Sweet Potato plants, May 10th, ready to set. E. J. STEELE, Middletown, Del.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. Ingram's.
 Fresh Bread, Rolls, Cinnamon Buns every day. JONES & BRADLEY.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

June 1st, is the day to bring the Check's for Premiums given at this Store.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.
 FOR SALE—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.

Removed to the middle room in the Opera House. JONES & BRADLEY.
 FOR SALE—1,000 good Chestnut Posts. Apply to C. P. COCHRAN AGT., Middletown, Del.

Fresh Bread, Rolls, Cinnamon Buns every day. JONES & BRADLEY.

25,000 potted Tomato plants, Earliana Stone, Paragon and Ponderosa, for sale. E. J. STEELE, Florist, Middletown, Del.

Removed to the middle room in the Opera House. JONES & BRADLEY.

EGGS FOR SALE—Rhoad Island Red—fine vigorous stock and excellent layers. C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.

We have a fine Stock of Ready-made Wear, for Ladies and Children, well made and very reasonable in price.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.
 FOR SALE—Chestnut Fence Posts and Cord Wood. Apply to N. J. WILLIAMS, Middletown, Del.

Removed to the middle room in the Opera House. JONES & BRADLEY.

E. I. Alper, Eye Specialist, East Main street, Middletown. Office hours 8:30 A. M., to 9 P. M., every Saturday.

EGGS FOR HATCHING—Pure bred S. C. White Leghorns, White Wyandottes and Barred Rocks, 15 for \$100; 100 for \$5.00. T. R. BRADSHAW, Middletown, Del.

Evergreen Farm, Odessa, Del.
 Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3:30 to 5, and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8:30.

Deviled Crabs at JONES & BRADLEY.

FOR SALE—A 12 room house with all modern improvements. Southeast corner Green and Church Streets. Possession given March 25th, 1905. Apply to JESSICA CLAYTON, JR., Middletown, Del.

Don't forget the strawberry festival to be held in the Middletown Opera House on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings next, May 24th, 25th and 26th.

We have Pretty Lawn Suits, White Waists, Dressing Scaques. Just what you want for this weather. Call and see them. Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

The Ladies' Guild of St. Anne's Church will hold a Rummage and Bake Sale on Saturday afternoon and evening, May 21st, in the vacant store room, corner of Main and Broad streets, recently vacated by Harris & Fogel.

Secretary of State Layton has notified the chairmen of the Democratic and Republican county committees to send to Governor Hann by June 1st their lists of names for registrars and assistant registrars, as required by law.

A strawberry festival for the benefit of St. Francis Xavier Church will be held in Mr. Charles Price's grove near Warwick, Md., on Friday and Saturday evenings, May 27th and 28th. Music on Saturday evening. Public is cordially invited.

Unclassified Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending May 12th: Mrs. Maria Beagle, Miss Gertrude Hagerty, Mrs. Jennie Naylor, Mrs. Rachel Stevens, John Barnes, Mrs. Wm. Page.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Middletown Improvement Company for the election of officers will be held on Tuesday, June 7th, from 1 to 4 o'clock, P. M., in the Board of Trade room on South Broad street. Stockholders are entitled to one vote for each share.

The large sycamore tree which has stood in the rear yard of the Middletown Hotel for almost a century, has been cut down to make room for a new building. This was the largest tree in Middletown, and when removing one of its large limbs, the chimney of the kitchen was knocked off and the building slightly damaged.

The intestate real estate, late of Thomas Jamison, deceased, situated in St. Georges Hundred, consisting of about twenty acres of wood-land, purchased by Sewell C. Biggs, at public vendue, for the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars, was confirmed by the Orphans' Court, at Wilmington, on Wednesday.

The new hardware firm of Redgrave Bros. are busy making ready to open their store in the Town Hall to-day. They are receiving and arranging their new stock, and have all their goods in position. They are young men, and ask a share of the public patronage. Their line will consist of hardware of all kinds, stoves, builders' tools, and house-furnishing goods generally.

The Town Council will meet in their Council chamber on Monday evening next, at 8 o'clock, when it desires to have as many of our Tax-payers present as can possibly attend. They will then decide upon the tax-rate for the ensuing year. The commissioners find they will have to make a decided increase in the rate-making it \$1.50 on the \$100, and wish the views of our citizens, who feel an interest in the matter.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at Mr. R. W. Cochran's on Friday, May 19th, it being his eighty-second birthday. Four daughters and two sons were present and two absent. Also two grand children and one great grandson, the son

PERSONALITIES

Crab meat at JONES & BRADLEY.
 Ladies' Suits, Waists, Skirts, Wrappers and underwear, made at our factory.
 Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.
 of Mr. Carl Harrington, of Philadelphia, were present. Many calls and telegrams of congratulations were received during the day. Four generations were represented.

In another column will be found the new ad of Pearson's Pharmacy. See what they have to say about the different flavors of delicious soda which is to be had at this fountain.

Mrs. Matilda F. Hurlock, wife of Mr. John D. Hurlock, departed this life at her residence on Lake street on Sunday last, aged 74 years. Funeral services were held at her late home Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock; interment being made in Forest Cemetery.

A reception was tendered to Mrs. R. H. Matlack at the home of Mrs. Mary L. Cox by the W. F. M. Society last Monday evening. Refreshments consisting of lemonade, ice cream, cake, strawberries were served. Rev. C. T. Wyatt on behalf of the society made some felicitous remarks, to which Mrs. Matlack in fitting words responded. The evening was enjoyed by all who had the good fortune to be present.

There was a big drop in the temperature last Sunday afternoon and in the evening overcasts were out in large numbers. Many people remembered the prediction of "a killing frost" by Media's blind weather prophets and wondered if it were coming true. Hoped that there would be a frost on the night of May 15th, which would ruin fruit. Although it was cold for this time of the year, it is not thought there was any frost and it is not likely that fruit was damaged.

We are indebted to Mr. R. A. Cochran for an exceedingly fine bunch of his "Palmetto Asparagus," which was left at our office on Monday afternoon. The bunch contained 14 very large stalks and weighed three pounds and one ounce. Many who saw the asparagus pronounced it superior to any they had ever seen. Mr. Cochran has been growing asparagus for several years, and is one of the few in this section who has been successful in producing a specimen equal to the finest raised in this country, and always receives the highest market prices for his asparagus in the New York markets.

The annual meeting of "Friends of Old Drawers" will be held at that historic old Church edifice on Sunday, June 15th—the first Sunday in June. These events are of more than usual interest and pleasure, aside from the devotional services, it affords the assembly of many persons from far and near to greet each other. At the morning service Rev. William V. Loderbough, of Salem, N. J., will preach. In the afternoon a historic address by Judge Pennell, of Dover, will be given. Both these gentlemen are able speakers and their presence should insure a large attendance.

Many of our readers will regret to learn that Postmaster John W. Jolls has died. Mr. Jolls was President of the Light and Water Commission, his resignation as a member of that body. Mr. Jolls informs us that he cannot legally serve as a member of the Light and Water Commission while holding a Federal office—hence his resignation. Mr. Jolls was elected on May 7th for a term of five years, and the announcement of his resignation was a great surprise to his numerous friends. He was Secretary for the Commission and has devoted much of his valuable time during the past eleven years in looking after the interests of the Light and Water plant.

CHURCH NOTES

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "False and True Ambitions." Matt. 20:20-25. Leader, Mr. Elwood Denny.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "False and True Ambitions." Matt. 20:20-25. Leader, Miss Helen Naudain.

The Rev. George A. Walker of Milford, Del., will preach in the Forest Presbyterian Church to-morrow at the morning and evening services. All are cordially invited.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt will preach to Seneca Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men to-morrow morning. Neighboring tribes are cordially invited to attend. Evening text: "Speak Lord for thy Servant's hearth." Matt. 20:20-25.

The Thank-offering service under the auspices of the W. F. M. Society at Bethesda M. E. Church last Sabbath morning was largely attended, and the address of Mrs. R. H. Matlack upon the work of the society was very interesting. Mrs. Mary L. Cox presided and Mrs. Louisa Moore read the scripture lesson. The collection was larger than usual.

Bethesda Chapter of Epworth League observed the fifteenth anniversary of the League's organic existence last Sunday evening. Temperance was emphasized in speech and song. A trio of the Junior League entertained the audience with a song. Mr. Elwood Denny, Secretary of the Chapter, read an interesting report of the work done by the League during the past year, and Rev. C. T. Wyatt delivered a stirring temperance address. The exercises were inspiring.

Resolutions of Respect
 At a regular meeting of Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., held Thursday evening, May 12th, 1904, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God to call from our midst our well-loved brother, James C. Wilson; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Past Grand James C. Wilson, we mourn the loss of one who by his sterling qualities and faithful adherence to the tenets of our Order, merited our highest esteem; therefore be it further

Resolved, That our Charter and Emblem be draped in mourning for sixty days, and that these resolutions be published in our town papers, and a copy sent to the family of the deceased, and also engraved in full on the Journal of the Lodge.

Signed, W. D. KING, P. G.
 J. P. DEAKYNE, P. G.
 D. W. STEVENS, V. G.

ST. GEORGES

Miss Anna Stewart visited Wilmington on Monday.

Mr. Joseph Crossland was in Wilmington on Saturday.

Herbert Hopkins and family spent Sunday at Smyrna Landing.

Miss Florence Cox was the guest of Miss Effie White on Sunday.

Miss Daisy Clark entertained a party at "finch" on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Ebery and family, of Chester, Pa., are guests of H. C. Gray and wife.

Clarence Batten, of Farnhurst, spent Sunday with his parents near town.

Mrs. Thomas Swan will lead the Epworth League to-morrow evening.

An enthusiastic game of baseball was played by our own boys on Saturday.

Prof. Randolph Pratt and Clayton M. Riley spent Sunday with Clayton friends.

Lieut. Forman and wife who sailed for Manila sometime ago, have arrived safely.

Mrs. H. C. Dolson and daughter, Mrs. Beulah, spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Albert Davidson on Sunday entertained Herbert Norman and wife, of Delaware City.

Mrs. John Crompton of near town, who has had a severe attack of la grippe is improving.

Mrs. H. T. Lynam spent last week with her sisters, Mrs. J. L. Lattomus in Wilmington.

William K. Price, wife and daughters visited Samuel Haman and family on Sunday.

Misses Harriet Carrow and Amanda Moore were visitors in Middletown on Tuesday.

Miss Mabel Smith and sister, Mrs. J. Heston Atwell spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Miss Nellie Ellison, of New York, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. C. McCoy, near town.

Victor Smith has accepted a position in Chester, Pa., and left for that place on Wednesday.

Miss Mary Barnett, of Bird's Corner, spent part of this week with H. C. Buckson and family.

Miss Rachel Cleaver and niece, Miss Miriam Bryan, spent Tuesday with friends in Middletown.

Miss Mabel Jones, of Mt. Cuba, spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Elida Jones.

Messrs. Armstrong and Jordan, of Brandywine Springs, paid a visit to C. M. Riley on Saturday.

James Moore and wife, of near town, spent Sunday with her parents, James Cannon and family.

Miss Blanche Jones entertained Bayard Vandegrift and sister, Miss Agnes, of Odessa, on Tuesday evening.

Theodore Jones and wife on Wednesday entertained her uncle, Obadiah Vincent and wife, of Christiansburg.

Charles Kromer and nephew Frank, of Odessa, were the guests of Frank Shoule and wife on Wednesday.

The improvements to be made upon the Presbyterian Church are now under way, and the roofers are hard at work.

Miss Sara Milligan returned to her school duties at Union on Monday, after spending two weeks with her parents at the Manor.

Mrs. J. H. Atwell who has been spending sometime with her parents, H. M. Smith and wife, has returned to her home in Townsend.

A number of our town's people attended the funeral of Mrs. Joseph Ellison, a former resident here which took place at Delaware City on Monday.

H. C. Dolson and family had as their guests on Sunday her brother, T. J. Lewis and wife, of Kirkwood, and John P. Vandegrift and wife, of McDonough.

Miss Effie White who has been spending several weeks' vacation with her parents, James White and wife, resumed her duties as teacher of Deakynville school on Monday.

Mrs. S. L. West and son Howard, of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. T. J. Hodgson, and son Marion, of Sassafras, Md., visited their parents, H. M. Smith and wife, part of last week.

The W. C. T. U., of St. Georges propose holding a strawberry festival at their headquarters in the C. C. Club House, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, May 31st and June 1st. They invite all of their good friends to patronize them.

We are pleased to state the rapid improvement of Francis B. Stuckert who has been so ill with typhoid fever for the past six weeks. Miss Elizabeth Stewart a trained nurse from Philadelphia who has been in attendance, left for her home on Monday.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary Garman on Friday afternoon. The subject discussed were Home and Foreign Missions, and they were continued in the prayer meeting that evening by Rev. J. R. Milligan. Both meetings were extremely interesting and helpful.

The Sunday morning service in the Presbyterian Church was one which will long be remembered, as two new members being taken into the church. Four on Profession of Faith, five by re-Profession and three by letter. The Church is in a flourishing condition both spiritually and financially, and may the good work go on.

Don't forget the Strawberry Festival and Bazaar to be given by the Ladies in Odd Fellows' Hall, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, May 25th and 26th, for the benefit of National Lodge, No. 32, I. O. O. F. This promises to be the event of the season and all who do not attend will miss a rare treat as well as fail to help in a worthy cause.

A cordial invitation is extended to all adults to attend the Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church, held on Sunday afternoon from two to three o'clock. A Bible Class has been formed and Assistant Superintendent J. W. Carrow, Jr., appointed as teacher. The attendance last Sunday was fine and all found Mr. Carrow a most efficient instructor.

Miss Olivia Pender entertained a number of her friends at a "finch" party on Saturday evening. Among those who participated were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Carrow, Mrs. Harriet Carrow, Mattie Murry, Lucie Hill, Helen Carrow and Messrs. Cleaver Bryan, Richard Moore, Corbit Davidson, Benjamin Simmons, Harvey Reynolds, the club school of the Presbyterian Church, held on Sunday afternoon from two to three o'clock. A Bible Class has been formed and Assistant Superintendent J. W. Carrow, Jr., appointed as teacher. The attendance last Sunday was fine and all found Mr. Carrow a most efficient instructor.

At a meeting of the Epworth League of the M. E. Church on Sunday evening the following officers were elected: President, Rev. O. L. Martin; 1st Vice President, Miss Lester; 2d Vice President, Miss Beattie Davidson; 3d Vice President, Mrs. Thomas Swan; 4th Vice President, Mrs. O. L. Martin; Secretary, Miss Frances Jones; Treasurer, Mrs. Edgar Swan; Li-

TOWNSEND

Mrs. Jane Wilson visited Middletown, Tuesday.

Miss Daisy Wiggins is visiting friends in Clayton.

Mr. Alfred White, of Milton, was in town this week.

Mrs. D. B. Maloney visited Philadelphia last week.

Rev. J. W. Jones was a Wilmington visitor Monday.

Ronald Reynolds was a Wilmington visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Staats visited Wilmington Wednesday.

Mr. Thomas Walle and daughters were in Wilmington Monday.

Miss Mary Smith, of New Castle, visited Miss Laura Havelow this week.

Miss Gusie Chandler, of Smyrna, spent Sunday with Miss Ethelwyn Maloney.

Mrs. George Hart who has been visiting her son in Philadelphia has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hutchinson and son, of Delmar, visited relatives in town Sunday.

Albert Lynam visited his aunt, Mrs. Anna Othosen, near New Castle Monday.

Miss Merrill Beauchamp, of Harrington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harmon Reynolds.

Mr. W. Harry Downey, of Wilmington, spent Monday with his sister, Mrs. Harvey Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Betterton, spent Monday and Tuesday with their son, Rev. J. W. Jones.

Miss Mary Todd who has been spending the winter in Philadelphia has returned home.

Mr. William Smith, Sr., and Mr. William Andlyke, of Philadelphia, visited town this week.

Mr. George Hart and grandson, Austin Hart, spent Sunday with Mr. Harry Hart in Philadelphia.

Miss Beattie Harper and friend, of Odessa, Pa., been visiting Misses Margaret and Myrtle Townsend.

Mrs. Adelheim and daughter, Miss Lena, of Roxborough, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Thomas Maloney.

Mrs. Harmon Reynolds spent Sunday with her parents, Rev. J. H. Beauchamp and wife in Harrington.

Miss Gladys Elliot, of Philadelphia, is in town spending the summer with her aunt, Mrs. Charles Todd.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berdely, of Milton, spent a few days this week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berdely.

Mr. G. M. Outten, Deputy Organizer of Improved Order Heptasops, who has been working in New York for the Order visited his family this week.

The marriage of Rev. J. W. Jones, pastor of Townsend M. E. Church and Miss Elizabeth McLaughlin, of Wilmington, took place at the home of the bride Wednesday evening. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Clarence Jones, of Cockman M. E. Church, Wilmington, brother of the groom. Only the members of the immediate families were present.

CECILTON

James T. Watts who has been quite ill is slowly improving.

Rev. W. A. Dawson spent Sunday with friends in Magnolia.

Miss Mamie Jones has returned from visiting relatives in Still Pond.

Miss Helen Schrach, of Germantown, is visiting her friend, Miss Emma Lusby.

Robert Blackway has moved his family into his home vacated by Mrs. Mary E. Messick.

William Taylor who has been visiting his family has returned to his position in Baltimore.

Two out of town young men were arrested Sunday night for last driving. Be careful, boys.

Mrs. Mary E. Messick and family and Edward Mattox moved to Baltimore on Wednesday last.

William Pearce and daughter, Miss Nellie, of Philadelphia, were entertained a few days this week by Mrs. George Pierce.

Rev. L. T. Fomoch, of Magnolia, and Rev. Prentiss, of Galena, were entertained at the parsonage on Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Ernest and daughter, Miss Nellie, of Philadelphia, were entertained a few days this week by Mrs. George Pierce.

Mrs. Wilbur Woolley and daughter, Mrs. of near Earleville, spent one day last week with her mother, Mrs. Patrick Anderson.

Class Day exercises were held in the school house on Tuesday afternoon. A very pleasant time was had by the many guests present.

Mrs. Lou Hayes and son Nelson, of Philadelphia, has returned to their home Carrow, spending the past week with her mother, Mrs. John Taylor.

An iron fence has been erected in front of the M. E. Church by its members and they are also fixing the graveyard around which fence will be placed. When the work is all completed it will be a great improvement.

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THAT MYSTERIOUS MAJOR

The rambling old-fashioned hostelry of the "Royal George" had stood upon the green hillside overlooking the now fashionable waterpark of Saltville from the time when that picturesque and prosperous town consisted of little more than a few fishermen's huts and diminutive lodging houses. But though the old building gave quite an air of antiquity to the little town—had sprung up on all sides, the little hostelry still held its own. Indeed the "Royal George" though quite as old as the town, was as prosperous as it had been forty years before, when the huge signboard upon which the monarch after whom it was named was displayed, looking as gorgeous and king-like as his crown and an unlimited quantity of somewhat stiff-looking emine could make him, hung out over the narrow little doorway, with the name of the worthy proprietor, "Andrew Gillbrand," set out in gilded letters below. And, as one stood in the lovely quiet old garden and gazed around at the stretches of down and the heather-grown cliffs beyond, one could hardly believe the changes which had been effected scarcely a mile away.

It was late one evening toward the end of July when a stranger who had just arrived at the "Royal George" entered the dining-room of the "Royal George" and gave orders for dinner to be prepared for him immediately.

He was a tall, dark, striking-looking man, with a soldierly bearing and a decidedly distinguished air; and, as he crossed over towards the bay-window and sat down at a small table, the waiters paused involuntarily with their white table napkins slung over their arms and trays of jingling glass held up high above their heads, whilst Josiah Williamson, under whose charge that particular table happened to be placed, murmured to himself as he took up the wine card and lazily studied the long list—to think that the last time it was here, twenty years ago, Andrew Gillbrand was brewing his own ale! It was certainly a primitive bit of fare that he had to offer his customers then—only ham and eggs or bread and cheese and a pint of his prime October—to-day he had all the delicacies of the season. How things change, to be sure!

Then he turned and looked out of the open window. There however the change was not so remarkable. The "Royal George" had always possessed a lovely garden; and if the grass was worn a little closer, if the paths had a neater appearance, and the flowers were more *recherché*, prim rows of calceolarias, geraniums, and stately dahlias taking the place of the quaint old clumps of sweet williams, margolds, and pinks, the change was not so great as to strike him with the same force as naturally did the interior.

This evening the garden had a very serene untroubled air. The tennis courts were deserted, the chairs under the trees unoccupied, and, excepting for the gentle lapping of the water upon the shingly beach, scarcely a sound disturbed the dreamy stillness of the July evening.

It is an idyllic place, I suppose, mused the stranger, but it would drive me mad if I thought I had to stay here a moment longer than twenty-four hours. There does not seem to be a soul about.

His closing sentence was spoken half aloud; and, just as the words left his lips, as though to disprove the truth of them, a handsome black French poodle came trotting into the middle of the room with an air of untroubled composure decidedly at variance with the aspect of his mistress, who a moment later suddenly appeared in the open doorway with a rather bewildered expression upon her face.

You had dog, Sambo! I was just wondering if you could have found your way here. Could you give him a bone, Henry?

But here came a Master Sambo was unceremoniously cut short, as, raising her head, she suddenly encountered the gaze of a pair of amused gray eyes, and for the first time became aware of the presence of a stranger in the room.

As for the owner of the gray eyes, he carefully surveyed the figure in the doorway for the space of about three seconds longer, and then, looking away, tried to become absorbed in the merits of Mr. Andrew Gillbrand's extensive wine list.

But, after studying it intently for five minutes, he tossed the card aside and steadily regarded the doorway through which the fantastically clipped poodle and its mistress had just disappeared.

By-the-by, who is she?

There was something strangely inconceivable in the question, and the waiter, who had made his appearance with the first course, paused to stare in astonishment.

She, sir? he repeated. I beg your pardon, what?

Oh, the young lady with the dog! Surely you know whom I mean! The young lady with the dog? Ah—that is Miss Evelyn! Oh, yes, sir, of course I know Miss Evelyn—here a placid smile expanded the waiter's face—and a very nice young lady she is!

Nobody down? Are we really the first, after all? she exclaimed, advancing to the middle of the room and glancing quickly from the table to the clock on the chimney piece. Well, Sambo, it is no use waiting. We may as well see if there are any letters for me this morning.

As she spoke, she opened the door and passed out into the cool, deserted corridor, which seemed, after the heat and glare of the hall, where the poodle had been having a run, a perfect paradise in contrast. Swinging her head carelessly in her hand, she hurried along towards the table where the morning delivery of letters was always to be found.

A tall military-looking man in a light gray shooting suit was standing casually surveying the post as Evelyn came up to it and rapidly scanned the different addresses. Her scrutiny was unsuccessful, however. Neither her own nor her aunt's name met her eyes upon any of the envelopes, and she had turned away and was about to cross the hall, when a voice suddenly arrested her footsteps.

I beg your pardon!

The words, spoken in singularly courteous tones and accompanied by a slight but most charming bow, made her pause in some amazement, to behold the wearer of the light shooting suit, who had apparently been deeply engrossed in the contents of the "Royal George" post bag as herself, advancing towards her.

But is not this for you? You must have overlooked it, I fancy.

Evelyn glanced quickly at the envelope which he was offering to her, directed indisputably to herself, and then, looking up, found herself, encountered by the very same pair of gray eyes which she remembered meeting for the first time in the dining-room the night before.

Thank you—it is for me, she answered, with a vague sense of wonder. I cannot think how I could have missed it.

Oh, easily, I should imagine! It is the prompt reply. Amongst so many, it is no difficult matter to miss one. Still, as this has come to light, had you not better see if there are any more?

Perhaps I had, answered Evelyn, wrinkling up her forehead perplexedly.

She was turning to the table once more, when a hand was laid with a somewhat familiar gesture upon her arm and a voice said—

Good morning, Miss Evelyn. Her ladyship has sent me to find you. What are you doing here?

No, I prefer my breakfast first. Letters are not always calculated to improve one's appetite. But come—Lady Howard wants to know what your opinion is of the weather. She thinks it is too hot for that drive which we were talking about.

Very well—I am coming; but— She hesitated for a second, and then glanced quickly towards Major Brown. Thank you very much—and, with a graceful little inclination of her head, she turned to follow Gilbert Falkland, who had stood watching the proceedings with a distinct shadow of annoyance upon his face.

Who on earth is that fellow, Miss Evelyn? he was his immediate inquiry.

Evelyn gazed down thoughtfully at the address upon her letter.

Echo answers "Who?" It is a question I myself was just going to ask you. All that I know of him is that he was having his dinner alone last evening when I went to get Sambo a bone, and that he handed me this a moment ago.

And yet you were thanking him as if he had done you the greatest service upon earth; said Falkland, accompanying his remark with a steady penetrating look into Miss Evelyn's face.

What do you mean? A faint blush deepened the color in Evelyn's cheeks. I thanked him for the envelope. Whoever the man is, he is certainly a gentleman.

Oh, yes, most probably I rejoined Falkland ironically. I know the stamp of fellow exactly. They always haunt places of this kind.

A rather indignant little smile crossed Evelyn's face.

These fellows, he proceeded, are the greatest humbugs imaginable. They do the police to the ladies all day, play cards and billiards for the heaviest stakes at night and through the small hours of the morning, and then at the end of a fortnight they quietly disappear with quite a collection of jewelry, bank-notes, and sundry loose coins stored away carefully in their portmanteaus. Oh, Miss Evelyn, they are really inexcusable!

If you take my advice, you will have nothing more to say to that irreproachable-looking individual.

Nothing to say to him? What do you mean? asked Evelyn, raising her brows in astonishment. I do not suppose I shall ever speak to him again!

And, as an old friend knowing what thorough-paced scoundrels habitually frequent places of this description, I have advised him to avoid him for the future.

Exactly, agreed her ladyship. One cannot be too careful or exclusive at a hotel where one encounters the same person day after day. But who is this man that spoke to you, Eve?

Oh, ask Mr. Falkland! answered Evelyn in a deprecating tone. He evidently knows more about him than I do, if he had the benefit of his society in the billiard room last evening and perhaps—

Falkland accepted the little taunt with an air of praiseworthy complacency, and turned calmly to Lady Howard.

Well, I believe he goes by the elegant name of "Brown." That is vague enough, you will think; but his address of London only—Brown, of London—is vaguer still.

Yes, indeed; anybody would have a difficulty in tracing him. But that reminds me. As you came in, I was just reading in the paper that— Do sit down, though, Mr. Falkland, and have some breakfast.

Oh, no, thank you! I have just told Henry to have some ready for me in the coffee-room; so I will not keep you from yours. But you were saying—

Only that they fancy they have at last found a clue to the whereabouts of that man who committed those fearful forgeries about twelve months ago, added Lady Howard, pouring out the coffee and passing a cup to Evelyn. You remember the Beauchamp case which made such a commotion at the time?

Oh, dear, yes! answered Falkland readily. It was the talk of London. Well, what have they discovered?

Why, that a man who answers to the description of a suspicious-looking person who disappeared from England in rather peculiar circumstances at the time of all those forgeries is supposed to have left New York on the steamer "Chicago" on the twelfth of this month; and, should this really be so, he ought to have arrived in Liverpool at the beginning of the week. Just as you were speaking of this Brown of London, it struck me—

That he might be the forger himself? Ah, perhaps he is! exclaimed Evelyn, with a gleam of amusement in her eyes. Let us all keep a careful watch upon him, and our best to gain the reward which somebody has offered for him.

Very well, Miss Evelyn; you may depend upon me to help you in your investigations. My services are at your disposal whenever you may require them, was Falkland's reply; but, though the words were uttered lightly, there was a sort of resolution lying latent beneath his apparent carelessness. Only do not forget to take care of your own cheque books, or in the meanwhile you may find he has been jipped pretty heavily into your exchequer as well. But good-bye for the present! I shall be coming again to see for which night you will like tickets for the theatre, and then I will telephone down.

As the door closed behind the tall, rather gaunt, but at the same time, prepossessing form of Gilbert Falkland, Lady Howard sank back in her chair with a sigh of supreme satisfaction.

Dear me, what should we do without that man? He is really too good in troubling himself so much about us and our concerns.

Lady Howard spoke feelingly. Nobody could ever have taken the reins of government more unwillingly into her own hands than her ladyship had done upon the death of her husband three years before, when she had been left a rich but somewhat helpless widow, with a large estate and three growing children. In the years of her married life everything had devolved upon Sir Wilfred; and, though, as time wore on, she became more accustomed to her sense of perfect independence, and actually consented to an additional care in the shape of the guardianship of her niece, her brother's child, she was still only too thankful if anyone would relieve her of a little of the weight of the responsibilities which hung so heavily upon her shoulders.

Consequently Gilbert Falkland, whom they had chanced to meet upon the Continent for the first time only a month before, but who had introduced himself as one of the late Sir Wilfred's oldest friends, had found his attentions thoroughly acceptable to the widow; and, as it happened that he had been going by the same route as Lady Howard and her niece, he had constituted himself courier and guide, and had taken upon his own shoulders all the troubles and worries inseparable from Continental travelling.

At home in England once more, fortune had thrown Mr. Falkland across their path again, and Lady Howard was only too pleased if he would still do anything for her, even if it were merely to arrange a drive or decide which of the pieces at the theatres was really worth seeing.

But Evelyn scarcely heard the sigh of contentment which had followed Mr. Falkland's departure. Her thoughts were running in quite another direction; for, in spite of the nonchalance with which she had laughed away Gilbert Falkland's attentions upon her rescuer with the man in the hall, his words had carried more weight than he had had if a satisfaction of imagining.

At the time it had never struck her as peculiar that a man who was an absolute stranger to her should have been able to single out from the number of letters one in particular for her, thus showing that he knew her address perfectly. It puzzled her, though, considerably now, especially as the idea flashed through her mind, as it had done before, even as she stood in the hall, that that letter was not lying amongst the others which she had tried to look over the table. It had seemed a trivial matter at the time; she would never have troubled to think anything more about it if Mr. Falkland had not declared that this man must have known something of her name, and had taken the earliest opportunity of trying to make her acquaintance.

But now, since he had told her what really villainous characters were, what really to be found at such quiet seaside hotels as the "Royal George," she began to realize that, if this Mr. Brown, were one of the number, he would be capable of anything, and, seeing her coming, had probably hidden her letter in order to obtain the necessary excuse for addressing her.

Well, at any rate, he shall not speak to me again! mentally resolved Miss Evelyn, as she stirred her coffee and buttered

piece of toast. Mr. Brown of London is mistaken if he imagines that aunt Lydia and I are two helpless individuals whom he can take in and impose upon as he likes. He had better try—that is all!

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